

Mt. Vernon, Knox Co. O. July 31<sup>st</sup> 1895.

J. A. Cunningham, Esqr.  
My Southern friend.

I appreciate your coming all the way from Nashville, Tenn. for the sole purpose of seeing me. Your kind assurances of the friendship of the Southern people are very gratifying to me. My parents were Southern born. My father: Abraham Emmett, was a native of Staunton Va. and my mother Sarah Zerick of Fredericktown Md.

In compliment to you and the messages of good will you bring, I had you to engrave for the Confederate Veterans the original copy of "Dixie" made on that rainy Sunday in New York city in 1859.

Daniel Decatur Emmett.